



Policy on Visiting Scholars Trinity College Theological School

1. On occasion, a Visiting Scholar may be affiliated with Trinity College Theological School for a short-term stay. A Visiting Scholar should be a recognized scholar in the broad field of Theology.
2. The length of this stay shall normally be no less than two weeks and no more than six months.
3. There shall normally be no more than one person at the same time holding the appointment of Visiting Scholar within the Theological School.
4. The Dean of the Theological School will extend a letter of invitation to a successful Visiting Scholar applicant.
5. Visiting Scholars accommodations at Trinity College are extremely limited. Availability is determined by the Dean of the Residential College. See www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/about/visiting-scholars for more information. It is the responsibility for a Visiting Scholar to arrange his/her own accommodation in Melbourne.
6. It is also the Visiting Scholar's responsibility to secure his/her own Australian visa, if necessary.
7. A Visiting Scholar will be offered shared office space from which to conduct his/her research.
8. A Visiting Scholar will become a member of the Dalton-McCaughey Library. This membership is effective from the date of the Visiting Scholar's arrival and includes full access to online resources. Borrowing privileges include up to 30 books at one time for three weeks, interlibrary loan requests and requests for items from the stacks. Loaned items can be renewed online up to four times until the end date of their library membership.
9. A Visiting Scholar is expected to contribute actively and positively to the intellectual and community life of the Theological School. This contribution could include (but is not limited to) the following:
 - a. Preaching in the Trinity College Chapel
 - b. Delivering a lecture (or lecture series) at the Theological School
 - c. Meeting students at a reception or dining with a Scholar at a High Table event
 - d. Presenting one Wednesday night to a general audience as part of Trinity's regular Fireside Chat series
 - e. Participating in a public debate, symposium, forum, lecture or conference sponsored by the College.
 - f. Teaching a unit could be a possibility, depending on curricular needs, academic timetables, and University of Divinity teaching accreditation. Please consult the Dean of the Theological School for more information.
10. Those interested in applying to be a Visiting Scholar must send their academic CV and a cover letter to the Dean of the Theological School no later than three months prior to the proposed start of the Visiting Scholar's term. The cover letter should outline the applicant's research (and potentially ecclesial) activities, including any proposed contributions to Trinity College (see #9 above).
11. Visiting Scholars are expected to be self-funding and will not receive remuneration of any kind (except for teaching – see #9f).

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